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TRUE AND BRIEF ACCOUNT, &c.



THIS short Tract being written, merely, with the view of recommending, to more general notice, a preparation known only to the Author; and a few individuals of merit to whom he has disclosed the process*, for the general benefit of his fellow-creatures, in every part of the world he shall not enter into the boundless regions of *Theory* and *Speculation*, but confine himself to matters of *fact*; and such observations as (being deduced from a long acquaintance with disease, some knowledge of the Therapeutic Art, great experience, deep and studious researches into the state of Medicine, and Medical Practice) may enable him to throw the best light on the nature, Properties, and operation of the Medicine, he would, now, strenuously, recommend to the serious notice of every person, afflicted with any of the maladies here treated of, and which he has named CEREVISIA ANGLICANA, Or ENGLISH DIET DRINK. He would, however, have remained, for ever, silent, had not the inefficacy of most Pharmaceutical Preparations now used by the regular *Physician*, as well as the injurious compositions of self-dubbed *Doctors*, taught him that some reformation was wanted in the Pharmaceutical

* The chemical process used in this preparation is *new*, and at present unknown to any others in the world, beside the proprietors, who are under a very considerable penalty not to divulge it, or any one article belonging to it; yet it is necessary to let the world know, it is composed of vegetables of the most innocent, yet specific virtues, and may be given to infants, adults, and persons far advanced in years, with the greatest benefit and success.

Art, and pointed out that a *general or universal Remedy**, made up of the most simple and innocent ingredients, but, at the same time, possessing great Medicinal properties, and, so contrived that each article should mutually receive an increase of virtues and operative powers from union with the others, and the whole form a balsamic—salubrious compound, which, readily assimilating with the juices of the stomach, might be speedily conveyed, to every part of the human body, through the medium of the circulation; such a remedy, the Doctor imagined, would be a great acquisition to the inhabitants of this and every other country, and the most valuable gift *Man* could bestow on *Man*.—Deeply impressed with these sentiments, and strongly persuaded that the united efforts of labour and study would conduct him to the wished-for discovery, he sat about the task with ardour;—it was a work of time, and indefatigable exertion; ultimately, however, his enquiries were crowned with success.—It may justly be said he has found a more *valuable treasure* than the boasted *philosopher's stone*—for he has found the art of *removing*

* It was the firm opinion of the great and immortal Dr. *Boerhaave*, and often advanced, as such, in his public lectures, at *Leyden*, “that an universal medicine would be discovered “ in vegetables only; they containing juices which most readily “ assimilated with, and, (from experiments frequently repeated) “ were more analogous to the nature of animated Beings---than “ any preparations, Skill and Ingenuity could extract from the “ Mineral Kingdom. What analogy (says he) can there be “ between metals, minerals, &c. and animals? On the con- “ trary, much may be confidently expected, and hoped for “ from vegetables, whose component parts and juices are similar “ to our own!”

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many diseases, hitherto deemed incurable; and discovered a remedy, more analogous and congenial to animated nature, and better adapted to the several conditions, and constitutions of the human body, than any one then known*, as fifty years wide extended practice, and a faithful record of cases, as they occurred, amply demonstrate. The CEREV рІА will be found particularly serviceable in a great variety of disorders—in none can it do harm.

The frequent failure of the learned and regular Physician, even in cases, which have, afterwards, readily, yielded to a less formal mode of treatment, may, in a great measure, be attributed to the prejudices imbibed at the *Medical Schools* of the present day, which have brought into discredit the mode of practice, instituted by the venerable *Galen*, and occasioned, almost, a total departure from, and derilection of the *Galenical Prescriptions*, which have been too long laid aside; and almost a general Introduction of Chemistry, and Chemical Reasoning, into the Practice of Physic,—the conclusions, drawn from this last source of error, must ever prove fallacious, till, the human stomach—(made up of living animal fibres)—can be converted into a Mechanical Still, or Retort—hence a multitude of articles, (some in themselves possessing high sanative properties) are every day blended together; but, from the heterogeneous and contradictory combinations, an inert—gross—useless compound is produced, instead of an active—beneficial Medicine.—*Sed tempora mutantur.* This change in Medicine, the Author sincerely regrets, because the consequences are hurtful to man, and retard the advance-

* See the last note,

ment of this sublime—*God-like—science; he has therefore taken the liberty to restore and bring back into use *Botanic Medicine*.—The wonderful Medicinal Virtues of Vegetables, and the various purposes to which they are applicable in Surgery, have, for many ages, been overlooked; Physicians, not clearly comprehending those properties, which are, now, found, to exist in their component parts, or, what is more probable, not knowing any better process for obtaining or extracting them, than the ordinary culinary method, in which the most valuable parts, being easily volatalized, were carried off in vapour, and lost to the operator, who had, only, left behind a gross, inert residuum. But it is now well understood that the bountiful Author of Nature has implanted in the Vegetable Creation, (which is nearly allied to the Animal, and is enriched with the most balsamic, cordial, and restorative qualities) a capability of assimilating with and correcting a morbid state of the human circulating fluids.

Modern improvements in the Pharmaceutic Art, particularly the often-repeated Experiments of Dr. WEBSTER, clearly prove that the *Vegetable* is more analogous to the nature of animated beings, and far excels in safety and efficacy all the various chemical combinations, of metals or minerals, which are, so plentifully, scattered throughout our modern *Pharmacopeias*—to the almost total expulsion of Heaven's best Gifts to diseased mortals.—This was not formerly the case—would to God

* Man can never so nearly approximate the great Author of his Being, as when he becomes instrumental to the Health of his fellow-creatures.

it had never happened—for we perfectly agree in opinion with that, indefatigable *Botanist*, Sir JOHN HILL, who spent a long and laborious life in investigating the Medicinal properties of herbs and plants, and, in endeavouring to obtain them, in a pure state, freed from the gross and earthy particles which enter into their composition, “*that every human malady may be cured by Vegetable Preparations.*” They operate indeed as it were insensibly at first; but although they proceed *festino lente*, an ill habit, or diseased state of body is, at last, certainly restored to an healthy state, and entirely freed from every species of noxious matter.

Although speculative theories and ingenious hypothesis may amuse, and entertain the curious reader, yet they, often prove, dangerously deceptive, being frequently founded in error; the *Author*, therefore, trusts he shall be excused for avoiding so slippery a path, and hopes the serious enquirer, after useful knowledge, will be, better, satisfied with a delineation of facts, drawn from actual experience and attentive observation.

It is universally allowed, that all diseases correspond with their causes, be they external or internal, and which affect the system according to its state and condition. This may happen in various ways, either through the medium of the senses, by the changes which take place in the atmosphere that surround us, or in the air we breathe:—these, constitute, in general, the external causes that derange our health, and bring on disease. The internal causes may be summed up in a few words, as sleep; the quality and quantity of our food, or such things as we receive

receive into our stomach, or lungs, from *noxious exhalations, putrid effluvia, mephitic vapours, carbonic gas, &c. &c.*

The true standard of Health is, that state of the body in which all its component parts are in unison with each other, equally firm to resist, and pliant to yield ; all the animal functions proportionably regulated, and duly performed. These establish an equipoise betwixt health and disease, the smallest deviation from which is an approximation towards the latter.

To preserve or restore this balance when once over-turned—in other words, a desire to point out an easy, safe, pleasant, and efficacious mode of relieving most human maladies, has been the *Author's* principal inducement for publishing a brief *Account* of the CEREVISIA, from a full conviction that it *has*, and will *continue*, to *prove*, highly serviceable to *mankind in general*, even in the most obstinate *nervous* and *hypochondriac cases* ; diseases the most difficult to cure, as well as to account for, or explain ; but which have been removed by this *Medicine*, after the whole class of what are called nervous remedies, have been tried in vain.

It is here of no consequence to enquire, whether the nerves are hollow tubes or a regular set of vessels arising from the medullary substance of the brain, containing a subtle fluid, called—The Animal Spirits, or whether they are solid, elastic chords, acting as conductors to an electric æther, which the will, or an external impression, can determine to any part of the body, and thus excite the sensation of pain or pleasure, according to the force

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or violence of the impression. Be this as it may, whether the nerves are hollow tubes, or elastic chords, or neither, will avail nothing on the present occasion. Every Medical Man well knows, that the Human Frame is liable to many disorders, which cannot be explained either by the laws of the Animal *Œ*economy, or on the principles of Anatomy or Physiology: and that there are some diseases which cannot, by any means, be totally cured; though but few that may not be relieved by proper medicine, and suitable regimen. The Author hopes the contents of this little *Essay* will not appear less deserving of notice because not sanctioned by a greater name; or on account of the inferiority of the language to the importance of the subject. He aims at giving the greatest quantity of useful and practical information on a small scale, and labours to render himself understood by every class of readers; it being his only ambition to endeavour at doing all the good he can, to his fellow-creatures, whilst it may please Providence to continue him here below.—After this digression, which the reader will kindly pardon, the Author will proceed to subjoin a few more remarks:—

He does not hesitate to assert, that, it would be unjust in any one to patronize, recommend, or attempt to establish, as a Medicine of efficacy and character, whatever had not derived a just claim to superior sanative powers, during a long and severe trial in an extensive practice. The man who attempts the arduous task of introducing a New Remedy to public notice, should pause for a moment, and ask himself those serious questions:—Am I certain that this favourite preparation of mine will prove of general utility to my fellow-creatures?—Or, Am I rashly

hurling destruction amongst mankind?—Conscience will return very unsatisfactory answers, unless the Author, to great experience, should have also joined the closest observation, as to the *modus operandi* of his *Medicine*, and its effects on the human constitution in every variety of disease he judges it calculated to relieve, and to these have added an intimate acquaintance with the animal *œconomy*, and a perfect knowledge of the nature of diseases in general, together with their mode of cure.

The fortunate Inventor of the invaluable *Remedy* now offered to the Public, having his mind deeply impressed with the justice of the preceding observations, carefully and attentively marked its operation in every complaint and disease, for which it is now recommended, upwards of fifty years. It must afford no small satisfaction to all those who may be induced to try the salutary effects of this efficacious *Medicine*, to be informed, that, during this long period of time, THE CEREVISA ANGLICANA was administered in numberless cases both in town and country, without ever failing to effect a cure. Many will place the greater reliance on the *healing powers* of this VEGETABLE SPECIFIC, when told, that the first discoverer is a Medical Man in the strictest sense of the expression; he had always a great propensity for physical knowledge,* was regularly bred to the profession, and has had great experience in a large and successful practice.

* Led over vales and mountains to explore
 What healing virtue swells the tender veins
 Of herbs and flowers; or what the beams of morn
 Draw forth, distilling from the clifted rind
 In balmy tears.

Dr. AKENSIDE.

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In scrophulous or strumous swellings of the glands of the neck, &c. &c. &c. white swellings of the joints, the scurvy in all its various appearances, more especially such scorbutic affections as are contracted at sea, from salted provisions, or long voyages, or intemperance in the manner of living, eating or drinking; &c. in the Yellow Fever, of warm climates, in bilious, malignant, putrid, and spotted fevers; in the low nervous, and those of the typhus kind; and in almost every disease where mercury and other deleterious Medicines have proved ineffectual or injurious; this invaluable, long-tried, Vegetable Preparation has been found to cleanse the whole mass of circulating fluids from every impurity, provided the patient does not over-step the bounds of Temperance and Regularity; in fact, it may be justly denominated a Specific in all the diseases here enumerated; *and is superior to every Medicine hitherto discovered, in all stages of that destructive disease, the Lues Venerea, the common and reigning disease of the present times, a disgrace to human nature, as well as a disgrace to Medicine: for, in the Author's opinion, few, if any, ever receive a permanent cure from the present mode of treatment; which, but too frequently, leaves a debilitated constitution, a disposition to consumption, &c. so that the cure, as it is generally called, becomes worse than the disease: a stinking breath, rotten teeth, swelled glands, foetid ulcers, carious bones, &c. &c. are very often the consequences of such pretended cures; but from the singular and surprising success that has attended the administration of the CEREVISIA, or DIET DRINK, in numerous venereal cases of the worst kind, during a period of fifty years, the *Doctor indulges*

* Dr. J. WEBSTER, Discoverer of the CEREVISIA.

the pleasing idea that a general dissemination of the Medicine will preserve the lives of *Thousands*, restore health to *them*; (though at the verge of dissolution) comfort and satisfaction to their families and friends; and perhaps, in the progress of time, may totally exterminate this deadly foe of the human race.

Here I cannot avoid mentioning what an honest Physician, and a sensible writer has said in his Treatise concerning the prevention and cure of this prevalent disease, that " Medicines possessed of such active powers as most " preparations of mercury are, cannot be thrown into " the stomach in large doses, for any considerable length " of time, without materially affecting that organ, so " necessary to the existence of every animal.

" Mercury will occasionally hurt the stomach and " bowels, even when it is administered with the greatest " care and attention, and it must be still more pernicious " when these are neglected. We may venture to assert, " that not one in a hundred of those who take mercury " have it in their power to observe a proper regimen.

" Few stimulants are more active than many of the " preparations of mercury; indeed, some of them are so " acrid as to be justly ranked among poisons. Such edge- " tools as these can seldom be used with impunity. I " have known few people who had taken great quantities " of mercury free from complaints of the stomach or " bowels.

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“ The lungs, as well as the stomach, are often hurt by
 “ means of mercury. The number of young men who
 “ die every year in London of consumptions, brought on
 “ by the improper use of mercury, is a sufficient proof
 “ of the baneful effects of that mineral on the lungs.

“ The effects of mercury on the nervous system are
 “ more direct: I have often seen paralytic affections
 “ brought on by the imprudent use of mercury, by which
 “ even young men have been rendered lame and miserable
 “ for life. But the slow and less perceptible effects of
 “ mercury are more frequent, and likewise more hurtful;
 “ by them the best constitution may be undermined, and
 “ the most robust man reduced to an absolute invalid,
 “ shivering at a breeze, and dragging out a wretched
 “ existence, under a load of nervous maladies, for which
 “ Medicine knows no cure.”

It would require a large volume to recite but a small portion of the evils occasioned by mercury, or quote a thousandth part of what has been written by men, the most eminent in their profession on this subject, pointing out its ill effect on the Constitution, and even in publications which appear to have been ushered into the world on purpose to recommend it.

If such are the general and deleterious effects of mercurials, though blended often with other absurdities to disguise their poisonous tendency, what man in his senses would prefer a method so dangerous and uncertain, when there is now offered a safe and effectual remedy (proved
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by many thousand instances) free of any pernicious or poisonous quality whatsoever?

It may be observed, that almost all diseases originate in the blood, or are occasioned by the morbid matter being carried into the system by absorption, and are most easily removed by infusing into this circulating mass (the life of man and of every animal upon the face of the earth) a combination of such elementary principles, as are similar to those of which the blood, and other juices, in their pure and elastic state consist; and which are fitted to assimilate therewith, and to correct, purify, regenerate, and enrich the same; for this is in fact the sole intention, and ultimate aim of all Medicines; but they frequently miscarry, by being given in too gross a form, or in too small quantities, because they are obliged to undergo the several digestive operations of the stomach, &c. before they can mingle with the blood, by which means their specific and hidden virtues are either lost or destroyed amongst the food, and gastric liquors, or furnished in such very small portions as to produce little or no effect; and further, experience, has demonstrated, that, as all metallic and mineral substances consist of parts no way analogous to the human body, they generally do more hurt than good: especially mercury, the fashionable Herculean, which, in the hands of injudicious prescribers, we have strong reason to believe, and do not hesitate to pronounce, has been the destroyer of multitudes.

To cure, or counteract these dreadful diseases, the utmost exertions and inventions of human ingenuity and understanding have been tried, but hitherto with little or

no success; nay, even the present method by mercurials generally either fails altogether, or only induces the semblance of a cure, whilst the disease is making daily inroads on the health of its unsuspecting victim, till at length the unhappy patient is rapidly hurried to an untimely grave.

The nauseous forms, the crude and improper slate these sorts of Medicines are generally given in; the numerous and contradictory ingredients of which they are compounded, not, only torture the patient, but entirely frustrate the views of the Physician in prescribing them.

The CEREV рІSIA, whose astonishing salutary powers are briefly but honestly stated in this little tract, is, on the contrary, free from all the objections pointed out above. It is the most pleasant, innocent, and the most efficacious remedy ever yet discovered, in this or any other country, not only, for the several diseases herein enumerated—but will prove equally serviceable in all those which bear any affinity to them, and which are too numerous to be particularized.

This excellent DIET DRINK assimilates as soon as it enters the stomach, and readily mixing with the chyle, which it renders mild and highly nutritious, is speedily blended with the venal and arterial blood, which it generates and replenishes to an high degree; warms, purifies, animates, and impels, throughout the whole system, cleansing the viscera and glands, and more especially the lungs, mesentery, kidneys, &c. by its gently stimulating powers, it promotes a due and healthy secretion of the *gastric liquor*, consequently digestion, dissolving viscid humours,

humours, destroying worms and other *animalculæ*. It prevents infectious diseases taking place from external causes, such as unwholesome smells, and putrid air, &c. In short, it is so useful a Medicine; and has been so many years established by extensive practice and experience, that little more need be said to recommend it as a general remedy that ought to be kept in every family, and may with confidence be relied on as a Specific, particularly in the following diseases, and in all complaints arising from similar causes, or deducing their origin from those.

In FEVERS, by what name soever distinguished. Recent colds are generally the beginning of all fevers, arising from a sudden check to some of the natural excretions or evacuations of the body; the animal machine becomes deranged, and perhaps there exists a morbid state of the blood at the same time; the pulse is rendered quick, hard, and full, plainly discovering that perspiration, and probably transpiration is equally stopped by cold or damp air; hence the commencement of Fever—and to the same cause the various symptoms and appearances which occur in the progress of the disease, (if proper remedies be not timely applied) must be attributed. In such cases the patient should take three or four table-spoons full of the CEREV рІSIA, milk warm, soon as in bed and well covered up; by this means* a plentiful perspiration is excited, and all the symptoms are quickly removed. for a better and safer sudorific is not to be

* It should be observed that some persons are with extreme difficulty thrown into a state of perspiration.

found in the whole *materia medica*. The operation of the Medicine will be, considerably, promoted by drinking, occasionally, a basin of wine-whey, acidulated with lemon-juice. This valuable remedy has, also, proved a Specific in the epidemical YELLOW FEVER of *America and the West Indies, *bilious* and other *debilitating diseases* of *warm climates*. It has saved many lives in SPOTTED MALIGNANT and PUTRID FEVERS, even of the most dangerous kind, and never yet failed being attended with success; when properly and perseveringly administered.

In *Scorbutic* or other *Eruptions* on the *Skin*, and all diseases, in general, proceeding from impurities of the blood,

* The late venerable and much-lamented Dr. Benj. Franklin, of America, with whom Dr. Webster was in habits of intimacy, in London and at Paris, took this CEREVISA, the whole time he continued here, at his apartments, *Craven-Street, Strand*, for a very obstinate and troublesome *Scorbutic Eruption*, which had afflicted him several years, and resisted the usual means of relief. In two months he obtained a radical cure, and to guard against a relapse directed a quantity to be sent to him whilst at Paris. When this truly great man, (Franklin) returned to his own country, firmly believing that the DIET DRINK would prove a *safe* and *efficacious* remedy in their *Yellow Fever*, and other *Endemic Diseases*, he engaged, from motives of the purest *Philanthropy*, and affectionate regard for his *Countrymen*, to settle 1000*l. per annum* on the *Author, if he would reside in *America*, and prepare the *Medicine* there, for the use of its *Citizens*; at the same time he directed *twenty-four* gallons to be sent thither.-- A warm attachment to *England*, and the *Interest* of *Englishmen*, prevented the acceptance of this liberal offer.

* Dr. J. WEBSTER,

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(which shew themselves in the spring and fall,) a few bottles taken at those seasons of the year, prove an effectual remedy. Assisted by a proper regimen, and perseverance, it will never fail to cure *Old Ulcers, Fistulas, Sore Legs. &c. &c.* from whatever cause proceeding, speedily restoring the skin to its original smoothness, elasticity, softness and pliability.

For IMPAIRED CONSTITUTIONS, perhaps there never was, or ever, will be discovered, so powerful a Restorative as this CEREV рІSIA, or a Medicine equally successful, in correcting, regulating, and bringing back the various secretions, to their proper courses, giving strength, and vigour to the whole human machine ; infusing its balsamic virtues into the circulating mass of fluids ; the afflicted become, almost, new men again, daily recovering muscular strength and activity, they quickly re-gain their wonted health, and complexion.

In DEBILITATED HABITS of both sexes, whether occasioned by youthful imprudencies, hard drinking, or the too free use of mercury ; it renovates the life and spirits in a surprising manner ; furnishes a fresh supply of those, rich, highly nutritous, fluids, which, *juvenile indiscretion may, improvidently, have lavished away,

* Parents, Guardians, and others, having the superintendance of young men, tainted with the fashionable vices of the age, cannot be, too earnestly, advised to put them under a course of this CEREV рІSIA immediately. Such a step would have prevented many noble families from becoming almost *extinct*, and preserved the *titles and estates* in the direct line of descent for several generations.

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and, thus, brought on decrepitude of body, loss of memory, derangement of the intellectual faculties, dimness of sight, and a premature old age, &c. &c. Happily for gay-unthinking man, the votary, and, too often, the early victim of destructive pleasures. This CEREVISA, if duly persevered in, will, seldom or ever, fail to remove the consequences of such errors; it, also, helps digestion and creates an appetite.

It destroys *worms* in **children* and *adults*; and is the pleasantest, mildest, and best *anthelmintic*, or *worm-killing Medicine* ever made public. Its effects are, truly astonishing in cleansing the viscera in general, especially the lymphatic and glandular system; in truth, its virtues cannot be, sufficiently, spoken of, and humanity demands that it shouald no longer be confined to private practice only but for the benefit of mankind, made universally known; that its vittues may be extended to all parts of the world; and it will be sold at an expence so easy as to preclude few, if any†, from having it in their power to prove its salutary effects.

* It seems to be particularly useful in the *several diseases* peculiar to *infants*, by correcting the too acid composition of their food, causing them to *cut* their *teeth* with *less fever, pain, &c.* preventing or removing *gripes*, *green stools*, and other *acrimonious matter*; so frequently, degenerated, in their tender bowels, by which means thousands are carried off, and which generally happens in consequence of over-loading their stomachs with *improper food, liquor, &c.*

A tea spoonful may be given every night in *breast-milk* or *pap*, and increased or decreased according as circumstances require.

† *Deserving objects*, properly recommended to the *Proprietors* will be furnished with the *Medicine* at *half price*.

* In HYPOCHONDRIASIS, *NERVOUS FEVERS,
 *NERVOUS HEAD ACHS, and every variety of that long
 and dreadful train of *Nervous Complaints, and *Hypo-
 chondriac affections, which are so well known, to too
 many unhappy sufferers of both sexes, that it is needless
 to describe them here. In all FEMALE WEAKNESSES,
 from whatever source arising, CHLOROSIS, or GREEN
 SICKNESS, FLOUR ALBUS, or WHITES, obstructed or
 irregular Menstruation, &c. &c. all of which, in their
 turn, embitter the lives of the fair sex—this CEREV рІСІА
 is strongly recommended ; and let those afflicted with
 either of the above diseases, permit their spirits to be
 cheered, and consolation enter their bosoms when, se-
 riously, informed they may obtain a speedy cure by the
 use of this DIET DRINK, a medicine proved by ample
 experience to be one of the best known to be taken about
 the commencement, and towards the decline of the female
 periodical discharge.

In PULMONARY and CONSUMPTIVE cases, and in
 most ASTHMATIC complaints, it has been attended with
 surprising beneficial effects, and, assisted by perseverance,
 a milk diet, and proper regimen, has been the means of
 saving numbers of both sexes, even when the original
 cause proceeded from wrong treatment, and was, perhaps,
 blended with venereal or some other disease at the same time.
 Early application is, in all cases, adviseable, the *neglect*
 of which, as a learned Physician observes, has brought
 thousands to the grave before their *days* were half run out.

* Those labouring under any of the above affections, will expe-
 dite a *Cure*, by taking the Medicine in a glass of generous old
 Port, Sherry, or Madeira wine, as may be found to agree best.

For SCROPHULOUS complaints, commonly called the *KING's EVIL, where the glands of the neck, &c. are visibly indurated, and enlarged, or even burst into painful wounds with a sanguous discharge, no Medicine ever equalled the curative powers of this; but in such cases it must be a considerable time continued, and the discharge rather promoted than dried up—the thin matter or disagreeable sanguies will be gradually converted into a thick, laudable, cream-coloured pus, the pain, after some time, daily abate—and, at length, the wounds will be perfectly healed.—Especial care must be taken to keep the fores clean by washing them with warm milk and water, and dressing them every day with some easy digestive, spread, upon lint, or, a fine soft rag. Here I must observe, that cleanliness is as absolutely necessary in these dreadful cases, as it is in venereal ones, when there are frequently Chancres, Ulcers, Warts, and Caruncles on the prepuce, and glans—penis of men, and the pudenda of females. These ought to be kept clean, by frequent washing, &c. for which purpose there is a useful machine contrived, called a bidet, or semicupium, which upon many other accounts, should be a piece of furniture in every family.

* It particularly behoves the patient in this disease, (a disease more prevalent and more fatal in *England* than in any other part of the *known world*) to guard against, a *cold* and *damp atmosphere*, and the *night air*, with the utmost caution; for this purpose, let him cloath himself in *flannel*—or, what is still better, *Fleecy Hosiery*, and wear it next his *Body*, *night* and *day*.

To prevent all danger of a relapse, this CEREVISIA should be taken for some time after the apparent accomplishment of a perfect cure; but the doses may be lessened, and need not be taken so frequently as before.

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LUES VENEREA.—In every stage of this disease, whether in male or female; it has succeeded, in innumerable instances, and never failed, in any curable case, even after repeated salivations had proved ineffectual.

Simple, or common, as well as virulent GONORRHŒAS, speedily alter their appearance for the better, though the latter, in many habits, prove sometimes obstinate, and require a longer continuance of the CEREVISIA, especially if mercury, in whatsoever form, has been, injudiciously, administered before-hand any length of time.*

In GLEETS either recent or of long standing; in seminal weaknesses; nervous tremblings; lumbar pains, &c. &c. the frequent relics of ill-cured LUES, this DIET DRINK will prove a valuable alterative, a powerful and effectual Restorative. But in such *cases* the *Medicine* will require to be taken for a considerable length of time, to secure the patient from a return of his Complaints, who will consult

* Since the first publication of this CEREVISIA, a few mean efforts have been made, by some of the faculty, to hurt its character, as an *antivenerreal*; those strenuous advocates for the quicksilver treatment, (say mercury) acts in the blood-vessels as shot in a bottle, *i. e.* by rubbing off the fur and other impurities adhering to their fides; but, charity, for their patients, induces me to hope, that, after they have sufficiently scoured the blood-vessels, they have *also* found out some *equally ingenious method* of removing those mercurial shot, without suspending their patients by the feet to let *them run out* by their own *specific gravity*. A theory so ridiculous must not only excite the risible faculties; but merit the contempt of every sensible man.

his own interest by keeping early hours, paying a strict attention to *Temperance*, selecting for food the most nutritious meats, plainly cooked; and carefully avoiding all high-seasoned *Dishes*, and irritating *Liquors*.

It is right to observe, that in general, the CEREV рІSIA may be taken without much restraint of diet, or any interruption of business, and at all times except when under a course of bathing.

In Sea and Land Scurvy it has proved the most efficacious and certain remedy ever experienced, and has, always, succeeded, in every scorbutic affection arising from any acrid, corrupted state of the blood or otherwise: and in all itchings or breakings out, of what kind or appearance soever, the trial of a few bottles will be sufficient to convince the patient of its salutary effects, and to induce him to continue the Medicine a longer or shorter time, or only repeat it, occasionally, as circumstances may require.

This DIET DRINK is well worthy the consideration of a British Parliament, for the sake of preserving the health and lives of our brave soldiers, and sailors, from the ravages, made, by venereal and scorbutic complaints, and many other diseases incident to navies and armies. *A certain quantity might be distributed to every ship, and allowed to every regimental medicine chest, to be dosed

* The *Proprietors*, to aid so benevolent a design, would (as *duty to their Country directs*) cheerfully furnish *Government* with the *Medicine* at a reduced price.

and given out according to the discretion of the Navy and Army—Surgeons, or Physicians.

The LUES VENEREA, as well as other infectious and pestilential matter, is communicated by contact; and it ought to be remembered that morbid matter, of any sort, when it enters into contact with the human body, frequently, and in considerable quantities, carries danger with it; *even the effluvium has a procreative power of generating something similar to itself: no wonder then, that those who are, much exposed to the contact, or even the breath and perspiration of diseased persons, should lose their health; nor is it strange that these kind of diseases should be gradually, and so frequently communicated from one to another.

In Nephritic affections, the Stone, and gravelly complaints, this Medicine will be particularly serviceable.

After what has been said by way of warning to youth of both sexes, and the danger they run, by promiscuous commerce, pointed out with candour* and humanity; it is to be hoped they will seriously lay the consequences to heart, and after recovery do so no more;—then will be fully accomplished the ardent Prayer of a Zealous Friend to the Human Race.

J. WEBSTER.

* It is to be noted, that a particle of virus, or infectious matter, even so *inconceivably small* as not to be *perceived* with the aid of a good *microscope* will generate a disease similar to the one it deduced its own origin from.

DIRECTIONS

FOR

THE USE OF

DR. WEBSTER's

CEREV рIA ANGLICANA ;

OR

ENGLISH DIET DRINK,

A well-known SPECIFIC in *various Diseases*,

AND

A VALUABLE ALTERATIVE.

DIRECTIONS, &c.

AS the effects of the CEREVISIA ANGLICANA, or ENGLISH DIET DRINK, are particularly determined to the *lymphatic* and *glandular system* (yet astonishingly cleansing all the viscera in general) care should be taken that it is properly conveyed into *that system*, which will be accomplished by observing the following directions :

Grown persons of either sex, in very low or debilitated conditions, should begin with one table-spoonful night and morning, gradually increasing the dose to three or four, unless it should prove very laxative, which must be attended to, as that would be a means of *lessening* its proper effect on the *lymphatics* and *glands*.

Those who are of a stronger habit, may take three or four table-spoons full, which is the common dose, morning and evening; and if the case be violent, or has been of long standing, the quantity may be increased to six or eight, and in very obstinate cases must be continued for some time.

Women with child may take from two to three table-spoons full once a day, during the time of gestation; and even the child at the breast, when the first milk has not been sufficiently

purgative, will be greatly benefited, if a tea-spoonful be occasionally given in its pap.

Children under three years old, of delicate habits, who are very weak and debilitated, should begin with a pap-spoonful or less, night and morning, gradually increasing the dose to three or four, which should not be exceeded.

Those of delicate habits above that age, should begin with a table-spoonful night and morning, gradually increasing the dose to three.

Stronger habited children may begin with two table-spoons full night and morning, increasing the dose to four.*

Females under the *flour albus*, obstructed menses, and other weakening complaints, the cause of great suffering to the sex, may begin with two table-spoons full night and morning, gradually increasing the dose to four. The use of it must be suspended in all cases, during the menstrual discharge.

The *precautions* and *assurances* to which patients are to have recourse, during the use of this Medicine, are few and simple.

To be careful in avoiding colds is prudent, under every process, for the cure of almost any disease; but here no alarming consequences are to be dreaded, as in the use of metallic medicines; for the CEREV рІSIA ANGLICANA, or ENGLISH DIET DRINK, is the best Medicine ever known for a cold--in that case, from two to four table-spoons full (according to the age and strength of the patient) in, from half a pint to a pint of wine whey; in which the juice of half, or a whole lemon, may be squeezed, taken as the patient goes to rest, having the bed warmed, and being well covered, will act as a powerful sudorific; and seldom fail to remove the symptoms, but in obstinate cases it may require to be repeated.

* Be it observed once for all, that whenever the Medicine proves too laxative, the dose must be diminished; if on the contrary it should occasion a constive habit, some mild opening physic (most agreeable to the patient) should be, (occasionally,) taken in the morning, the Medicine again at night.

Temperance is adviseable in all forms of disease, but this Medicine being wholly vegetable, a low vegetable diet is most unfriendly to its salutary effects.

When a small quantity purges, and the disorder requires more than can be easily retained in the bowels, every kind of acid must be avoided, especially raw or unripe fruits, salads, cyder, sharp wines, punch, and, in some cases, where inflammation is very great, most of the usual vegetables of the table must be abstained from, and the diet consist of light animal food, the drink may be a little well brewed beer, good red port, Madeira, old sherry, weak brandy and water, rum or gin and water, as the patient's feelings may dictate.

If such violent symptoms should at any time occur, as tumours in the groins, (commonly called buboes,) chancres, or ulcers on the glans---penis, or any species of inflammation, of which the scurvy, scrophula, or venereal disease are susceptible, a poultice of bread and milk, or linseed meal is to be used; all wounds, produced by these diseases, are to be cleansed, with warm water or milk and water only, and dressed with dry lint*, over which apply a plaster of yellow basilicon, or any other easy digestive, spread thin as possible. No surgical operation will be necessary where this medicine is properly used; the knife occasions ulcers and scars, which might be avoided; the rubbing in of mercury is also very injurious to the constitution, and opposes the good effects of this medicine.

It is particularly necessary to inform every patient, that the Medicine must be regularly taken every day, according to the Directions; for some disorders will strengthen and increase more in one day, than it is in the power of Medicine to restore in a week; and it should be continued for some time after all symptoms have disappeared, as the smallest degree of taint imaginable, especially of venereal poison, remaining in the habit, will

* In wounds where the dry lint causes pain, the digestive should be spread on the lint.

in a little time, accumulate to an alarming degree ; and occasion, to the patient a renewal of the pain and trouble, as well as expence, which might be avoided, perhaps, by taking one or two bottles more of the CEREV рІSIA ANGLICANA.

N. B. The laxative effect this Medicine may have on some constitutions, might render it necessary to add to the dose, taken at night, six, eight, or ten drops of the tincture of opium ; which may be increased, gradually, until the desired effect is produced, not exceeding fifteen or twenty drops ; and, on the other hand, should it, in some constitutions, produce a constive habit, so that three or four table-spoons full do not keep the bowels, sufficiently soluble, producing one or two motions a day, recourse may be had to a dose of any opening physic, the patient has been accustomed to, which must be taken in the morning, and worked off with thin gruel, tea, or any other weak, diluting liquor ; in the evening the patient may begin with the Medicine again, taking only two table-spoons full, which dose must be gradually increased as before, until the bowels have recovered their proper tone.

This DIET DRINK has a very pleasing and agreeable taste and flavour, and may be taken by itself, or in tea, coffee, beer, ale, wine, weak brandy and water, rum or gin and water, or where the sweet is disagreeable in camomile-tea.

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